In the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all previous versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Claims 1-20, 22-38 and 40-107 were previously pending.

Claims 1-21, 39-45 and 55-76 were previously canceled without prejudice.

Claims 22-24, 33 and 46-92 are presently canceled without prejudice.

Claims 25-32, 35-38 and 101 are amended.

Claims 25-32, 35-38 and 93-107 are pending.

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 35, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a plurality of live presentations; and

for each live presentation, making the information identifying the live presentation available for searching only during a duration of the live presentation.

26. (Currently amended) ~~A method comprising:~~

~~receiving information identifying a live presentation; and~~

~~making the information available for searching only during a duration of the live presentation, and~~

A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 35, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a plurality of live presentations;

for each live presentation, making the information identifying the live presentation available for searching only for the duration of the live presentation;

maintaining a record of user search requests; and

notifying the corresponding user when a new live presentation that satisfies a search request is available.

27. (Original) A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising:

receiving, for each of the user search requests, an indication of how the user should be notified; and

notifying the user in accordance with the notification.

28. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 35, wherein the receiving comprises receiving the information from a same encoder as is presenting the information.

29. (Currently amended) ~~A method comprising:~~

~~receiving information identifying a live presentation; and~~

~~making the information available for searching only for a duration of the~~ ~~live presentation~~

A method as recited in claim 35, wherein the making the information available for searching comprises:

adding the information to a database of currently available live presentations; and

deleting the information from the database when the live presentation has ended.

30. (Original) A method as recited in claim 29, further comprising:

receiving a user search request; and

accessing the database of currently available live presentations to determine whether a currently available live presentation matches the user search request.

31. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ <u>35</u>, further comprising receiving an indication, from an encoder that is presenting the information, that the live presentation is finished.

32. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ <u>35</u>, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation; and

making the current characteristic available for searching for as long as the current characteristic describes a currently presenting portion of the live presentation.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently amended) ~~A method comprising:~~

~~receiving information identifying a live presentation;~~

~~making the information available for searching only for a duration of the~~ ~~live presentation;~~

~~receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live~~ ~~presentation; and~~

~~making the current characteristic available for searching for as long as the~~ ~~current characteristic describes a currently presenting portion of the live~~ ~~presentation, and~~

A method as recited in claim 35, further comprising:

maintaining a record of user search requests; and

alerting a corresponding user when a new current characteristic that satisfies a search request describes the currently presenting portion of the live presentation.

35. (Currently amended) ~~A method as recited in claim 33~~

A method comprising:

receiving information identifying a live presentation;

making the information available for searching only for a duration of the live presentation;

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation, wherein the receiving comprises receiving information identifying a live presentation scheduled to occur in the future; and

making the current characteristic available for searching for as long as the current characteristic describes a currently presenting portion of the live

presentation, wherein the making the current characteristic available for searching comprises:

adding the information identifying the current characteristic to a database of currently available live presentations; and

deleting the information identifying the current characteristic from the database when the characteristic no longer describes the currently presenting portion of the live presentation, further comprising:

receiving a user search request; and

checking the database of currently available live presentations to determine, based at least in part on the current characteristic in the database, whether a currently available live presentation matches the user search request.

36. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 35, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation; and

transmitting the information identifying the current characteristic of the live presentation to a client computer.

37. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 35, further comprising:

generating, based at least in part on the information identifying the live presentation, descriptive information corresponding to the live presentation; and

adding the descriptive information to a database of currently available live presentations.

38. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 35, wherein the live presentation includes an audio stream and a video stream.

39-92. (Canceled)

93. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving information identifying a live presentation;

making the information available for searching only for a duration of the live presentation;

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation; and

making the current characteristic available for searching for as long as the current characteristic describes a currently presenting portion of the live presentation, wherein the making the current characteristic available for searching comprises:

adding the information identifying the current characteristic to a database of currently available live presentations; and

deleting the information identifying the current characteristic from the database when the characteristic no longer describes the currently presenting portion of the live presentation, and further comprising:

receiving a user search request; and

checking the database of currently available live presentations to determine, based at least in part on the current characteristic in the database, whether a currently available live presentation matches the user search request.

94. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the receiving comprises receiving information identifying a live presentation scheduled to occur in the future.

95. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the receiving comprises receiving information identifying a currently available live presentation.

96. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a plurality of live presentations; and

for each live presentation, making the information identifying the live presentation available for searching only during a duration of the live presentation.

97. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a plurality of live presentations;

for each live presentation, making the information identifying the live presentation available for searching only for the duration of the live presentation;

maintaining a record of user search requests; and

notifying the corresponding user when a new live presentation that satisfies a search request is available.

98. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 97, further comprising:

receiving, for each of the user search requests, an indication of how the user should be notified; and

notifying the user in accordance with the notification.

99. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the receiving comprises receiving the information from a same encoder as is presenting the information.

100. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving a user search request; and

accessing the database of currently available live presentations to determine whether a currently available live presentation matches the user search request.

101. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~22~~ 93, further comprising receiving an indication, from an encoder that is presenting the information, that the live presentation is finished.

102. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation; and

making the current characteristic available for searching for as long as the current characteristic describes a currently presenting portion of the live presentation.

103. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation; and

making the current characteristic available for searching for as long as the current characteristic describes a currently presenting portion of the live presentation, and further comprising:

maintaining a record of user search requests; and

alerting a corresponding user when a new current characteristic that satisfies a search request describes the currently presenting portion of the live presentation.

104. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving information identifying a current characteristic of the live presentation; and

transmitting the information identifying the current characteristic of the live presentation to a client computer.

105. (Previously presented)   A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

generating, based at least in part on the information identifying the live presentation, descriptive information corresponding to the live presentation; and

adding the descriptive information to a database of currently available live presentations.

106. (Previously presented)   A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the live presentation includes an audio stream and a video stream.

107. (Previously presented)   A method as recited in claim 93, further comprising:

receiving, for each of the user search requests, an indication of how the user should be notified chosen from a group consisting of: an email address, a pager number, a phone number and a cellular phone number; and

notifying the user in accordance with the notification.